



CITY OF
TUCSON

TUCSON WATER
DEPARTMENT

November 30, 2005

Robert Johnson, Regional Director
US Bureau of Reclamation
Lower Colorado Region (Attn: BCOO-1000)
PO Box 61470
Boulder City, NV 89006-1470

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The City of Tucson Water Department (Tucson Water) submits the following comments in response to the September 30, 2005 notice in the Federal Register (70 FR 57322) soliciting public comment on developing management strategies for Lake Powell and Lake Mead under low reservoir conditions, including lower basin shortage guidelines.

Tucson Water holds the largest Central Arizona Project (CAP) municipal and industrial subcontract in the state. This subcontract provides the only significant renewable water supply currently available to meet the needs of the nearly 680,000 people residing within the Tucson Water service area, both inside and outside the City of Tucson. Therefore, the management strategies being developed by the Bureau of Reclamation are of critical importance to the current and future economy of the entire Tucson metropolitan area.

Tucson Water is aware that the State of Arizona and others representing Arizona's municipal water providers also are providing comments on this matter. We fully concur with and support the comments submitted by the Arizona Department of Water Resources and the Arizona Municipal Water Users Association and, by reference, reiterate those parties' comments on behalf of this department.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comment on this critical issue. Tucson Water will continue to work with the State of Arizona and the Bureau of Reclamation as we collectively pursue a management strategy that benefits both the Upper Division States and the Lower Division States within the Colorado River Basin.

Sincerely,

Marie S. Pearthree, Deputy Director

for David V. Modeer, Director
Tucson Water

Cc: Herb Guenther, Director, Arizona Department of Water Resources
Steven L. Olson, Executive Director, AMWUA

